

National Infant Immunization Week 2021

It's National Infant Immunization Week: Stay on Track With Your Child's Vaccinations

National Infant Immunization Week (#NIIW) is April 24th- May 1st! Vaccine preventable diseases such as whooping cough, chickenpox, and mumps threaten the health of our children and our community. National Infant Immunizations Week raises awareness about the critical role vaccinations play in protecting the health of our children, families, and our community. This week, the County of San Diego reminds parents and caregivers of young children of the importance of childhood vaccinations.

At the beginning of the pandemic, the [CDC reported a troubling drop in the number of children receiving routine childhood vaccinations](#) because of stay-at-home orders. It was more difficult to schedule routine check-ups and many children got behind on their vaccinations. Now that cases of COVID-19 are decreasing, restrictions are being lifted and more people are gathering; the County of San Diego wants to remind parents to contact their child's healthcare provider to schedule a well-child visit and make sure their child is up to date with their vaccines. Healthcare providers have protocols in place to make sure visits are safe and children can get the immunizations they need to prevent life-threatening diseases.

"The pandemic changed everyone's everyday life and reminds us the value of vaccinations when we are up against a new virus. It also reminds us of the importance of routine childhood vaccinations in keeping children healthy. No one wants to see children get sick with a serious disease such as measles or whooping cough. When infants are vaccinated, we are playing a vital role in protecting the health of some of the most vulnerable people in our community." Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H, County public health officer.

Join us as we contribute to the mission of *Live Well San Diego*, a countywide vision that aims to improve the health and well-being of our community. When people are vaccinated, they build better health in their community to create a Healthy, Safe, and Thriving San Diego County.

Parents can use the checklist below or view the [Recommended Immunization Schedule](#) to make sure their children get the vaccines they need:

Infant and Toddler Vaccine Checklist

- ☐ **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP)** at 2, 4, 6, and 12-15 months of age
- ☐ ***Haemophilus influenzae* type B (Hib)** at 2, 4, 6, and 12-15 months of age
- ☐ **Pneumococcal (PCV)** at 2, 4, 6, and 12-15 months of age
- ☐ **Polio (IPV)** at 2, 4, and 6 months of age
- ☐ **Hepatitis B (Hep B)** at birth, 2, and 6 months of age
- ☐ **Hepatitis A (Hep A)** at 1-2 years, and 2nd dose 6 months later
- ☐ **Rotavirus (RV)** at 2, 4, and 6 months of age
- ☐ **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)** at 12 months of age
- ☐ **Chickenpox (Varicella)** at 12-15 months of age
- ☐ **Flu vaccine (Influenza)** *every year* for children 6 months and older

Contact your child's healthcare provider to make sure your child is up to date on their immunizations. If your child does not have a healthcare provider [call 2-1-1 San Diego](tel:6194587273).

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/InfantImmunizationWeek-SD>.